

**The byway resumes at the N.C. 16/88 intersection just east of the Jefferson town limits. Follow N.C. 88 to Laurel Springs** while passing through a popular canoeing and whitewater rafting area. **Travel through the community of Ore Knob**, chartered in 1875 and named for the booming copper ore mine. **The scenic byway ends at the intersection of N.C. 18 and 88 in Laurel Springs** about 2.5 miles from the Blue Ridge Parkway. Laurel Springs was settled in 1859 and named for the nearby spring flowing from laurel-covered rocks.

Nearby attractions include the Blue Ridge Parkway, Mount Jefferson State Park, New River State Park and Doughton Park. Doughton Park, the largest recreational area along the Blue Ridge Parkway, was named in honor of North Carolina Congressman Robert L. Doughton who worked to establish the Blue Ridge

Parkway. Brinegar Cabin, built in 1880, is located within the park and is accessible from the Blue Ridge Parkway.



**Length: 35 miles**  
**Drive Time: 75 minutes**  
**Counties: Watauga and Ashe**



**Note: The route is not recommended for recreational vehicles or buses.**

